

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

GEORGE JASON A. HELM

**Plaintiff,**

V.

MICHAEL HUGHES, *et al.*,

### Defendants.

No. C09-5381 RJB/KLS

**ORDER DIRECTING DEFENDANT TO  
FILE ANSWER AND PRETRIAL  
SCHEDULING ORDER**

This 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights action has been re-referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local MJR 3 and 4. On February 16, 2010, the Court granted Defendants' motion to dismiss to the extent the Complaint alleges Plaintiff's due process rights were violated during the disciplinary hearing and denied the motion to dismiss in all other respects. Dkt. 25. All discovery in this matter was previously stayed pending resolution of the Defendants' motion to dismiss. Dkt. 23. That stay is now lifted and it is further **ORDERED**:

## ANSWER

Defendants shall file their answer to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before March 5, 2010.

**PRETRIAL SCHEDULING ORDER- 1**

# DISCOVERY

**A. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel and For Sanctions – Dkt. 20**

Plaintiff filed a motion to compel and for sanctions after the Defendants returned his discovery requests unanswered due to the pending motion to dismiss. Dkt. 20; see also, Dkt. 16, Exh. 1. The court’s Order staying all discovery included a stay of that motion to compel. Dkt. 23. Plaintiff may now resubmit those discovery requests to Defendants to respond within the appropriate time limit required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s motion to compel and for sanctions (Dkt. 20) is **denied**.

## B. Discovery Deadline

All discovery shall be completed by **August 6, 2010**. Service of responses to interrogatories and to requests to produce, and the taking of depositions shall be completed by this date. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33(b)(3) requires answers or objections to be served within **thirty (30) days** after service of the interrogatories. The serving party, therefore, must serve his/her interrogatories at least **thirty (30) days** before the deadline in order to allow the other party time to answer.

## MOTIONS

Any dispositive motion shall be filed and served on or before **September 3, 2010**. The motion shall include in its caption (immediately below the title of the motion) a designation of the Friday upon which the motion is to be noted upon the court's calendar. That date shall be the fourth Friday following filing of the dispositive motion. All briefs and affidavits in opposition to any motion shall be filed and served not later than 4:30 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the Friday appointed for consideration of the motion. If a party fails to file and serve timely opposition to a motion, the court may deem any opposition to be without merit. The party

1 making the motion may file a reply to the opposing party's briefs and affidavits, which also shall  
2 be filed and served pursuant to the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 7 and Local Rule CR 7.

3 If a motion for summary judgment is filed, it is important for the opposing party to note  
4 the following:

5 A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of  
6 Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case.

7 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for  
8 summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted  
9 when there is no genuine issue of material fact -- that is, if there is no  
10 real dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case, the  
11 party who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a  
12 matter of law, which will end your case. When a party you are suing  
13 makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly supported by  
14 declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot simply rely on what  
15 your complaint says. Instead, **you must set out specific facts in**  
**declarations, deposition, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated**  
**documents, as provided in Rule 56(e), that contradict the facts**  
**shown in the defendant's declarations and documents and show that**  
**there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not**  
**submit your own evidence in opposition, summary judgment , if**  
**appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary judgment is**  
**granted, your case will be dismissed and there will be no trial.**

17 *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 962-963 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998) (emphasis added). Furthermore, Local  
18 Rule CR 7(b)(4) states that a party's failure to file necessary documents in opposition to a motion  
19 for summary judgment may be deemed by the court to be an admission that the opposition is  
20 without merit.

21 **JOINT STATUS REPORT**

22 Counsel and *pro se* parties are directed to confer and provide the court with a joint status  
23 report by no later than **October 29, 2010**. The joint status report shall contain the following  
24 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:  
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- 1       1. A short and concise statement of the case, including the remaining legal and factual  
2 issues to be determined at trial;
- 3       2. A narrative written statement from each party setting forth the facts that will be  
4 offered by oral or written documentary evidence at trial;
- 5       3. A list of all exhibits to be offered into evidence at trial;
- 6       4. A list of the names and addresses of all the witnesses each party intends to call along  
7 with a short summary of anticipated testimony of each witness.
- 8       5. Whether the parties agree to arbitration or mediation under this district's arbitration  
9 program, and if so whether the arbitration will be final and conclusive or the right to trial de  
10 novo will be preserved (see Local Rule CR 39.1(d));
- 11      6. Whether the case should be bifurcated by trying the liability issues before the damages  
12 issues, or specially managed in any other way;
- 13      7. Any other suggestions for shortening or simplifying the trial in this case;
- 14      8. The date the case will be ready for trial, considering Local Rule CR 16 deadlines;
- 15      9. The dates on which trial counsel are unavailable and any other complications to be  
16 considered in setting a trial date;
- 17      10. Whether the trial will be by jury or non-jury;
- 18      11. The number of trial days required, and suggestions for shortening trial;
- 19      12. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all trial counsel and unrepresented  
20 (pro se) parties who intend to appear at trial.

21                  If the parties are unable to agree on any part of the report, they may answer in separate  
22 paragraphs. **Separate reports are not to be filed.** Plaintiff's counsel (or plaintiff, if *pro se*) will  
23 be responsible for initiating communications for the preparation of the joint status report.

## **PROOF OF SERVICE & SANCTIONS**

All motions, pretrial statements and other filings shall be accompanied by proof that such documents have been served upon counsel for the opposing party (or upon any party acting pro se). The proof shall show the day and manner of service and may be by written acknowledgment of service, by certificate of a member of the bar of this court, by affidavit of the person who served the papers, or by any other proof satisfactory to the court. Such proof of service shall accompany both the original and duplicates filed with the Clerk. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order can result in dismissal/default judgment or other appropriate sanctions.

The Clerk of Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and to counsel for Defendants.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2010.

Karen L. Strombom  
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United States Magistrate Judge